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more liberal with all these people—there is no difficulty about that. But apart from that, there are certain benevolent funds to which a constable of this kind would be entitled. Unfortunately, he did not become a member of any such fund."

Assignment of lands to Sri Rajababaiah of Repalle taluk, Guntur district.

9 a.m. * 291 *Q.*—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land assigned to Guttikonda Rajababaiah and others at Adavuladeevi of Repalle taluk, Guntur district;

(*b*) the terms on which the said land was assigned;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation from the local people requesting the Government to cancel the assignment order; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Three hundred acres.

" (*b*) No special terms were laid down for the assignment.

" (*c*) A petition was received in June 1952 from the President, Julu Agnikulakshatriya Class Society, Repalle taluk, containing certain allegations against the Revenue Subordinates as regards the assignment of these lands.

" (*d*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Sir, in spite of the fact that a society was already formed in the area including the local landless poor, why did the Government assign the land to a man who is 20 to 25 miles away from the place? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The land was not assigned to one man but it was assigned to a number of people."

Sri Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any ceiling limit fixed for the extent of land to be assigned to any particular individual? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, this assignment was made in 1950 and I do not have information about the question."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, what was the extent of land that was allotted to this gentleman, Rajababaiah? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I think it was 10 acres, Sir."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the clear-cut policy enunciated by the Government many a time that the landless poor and especially the Harijans, should get first preference in allotment

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of lands, how is it that the Government are yet taking time to consider the question of reallotting the lands to the landless poor and the Harijans? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, as I said already, this assignment was made in 1950 and now that a petition has been received, the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Grant of loans to Burma evacuees.

* 292 Q.—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether a special staff has been working in the district of Malabar for collecting loans granted to the dependants of Malayalees stranded in Burma and F.M.S. during the Great World War II ;

(b) what is the total amount granted as loan in the district of Malabar ;

(c) what amount has been collected from them so far by the special staff ; and

(d) what is the total amount spent by the Government towards the pay and the travelling allowance of the special staff from the very beginning to date?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Rs. 1,24,44,890.

" (c) Rs. 2,42,012–4–0 up to the end of February 1953.

" (d) Rs. 1,76,579–5–0. (The entire expenditure is borne by the Government of India.)"

SRI A. APPU :—" Sir, how long has this staff been working? And, Sir, in view of the fact that the actual amount spent is more than the amount collected by the staff, may I know whether the Government consider it worth while continuing the staff? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Rules have been framed for writing off of amounts in cases where the financial condition of the persons who have taken loans is such that they are unable to re-pay the loans. As a matter of fact the Government of India have stated, that we have to concentrate our attention only in cases where the loans are Rs. 1,000 and more. With regard to other cases we are not so particular and the conditions also are, we have to write off where the evacuee is untraceable, where he has no immovable property either in India or Burma, or the evacuee died leaving no movable or immovable property and so on. We take all these facts into consideration."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that these amounts were given more as a relief measure than as a loan, will the Government discontinue the recovery proceedings? "